

Rivierans Agree that Street Barricades Should Come Down

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This week's news bombshell burst when our Torrance City Council got around to discussing the iron barricades erected by the City of Palos Verdes. These barricades, referred to locally as the "Iron Curtain," effectively shut off all streets between Hollywood Riviera-Ellinwood and Palos Verdes.

Long deplored by responsible citizens on both sides of the iron line, the barricades have seemed like something more at home in a country other than the United States.

Now, at a recent Torrance City Council meeting, Councilman Willys Blount led the action to (1) send letters to the neighboring municipality protesting the barricades and (2) look further into possible measures to remove the iron posts and allow free traffic flow between the communities.

One of the ideas presented at the Council meeting was a positive move to bring home to the neighboring Palos Verdes the undesirability of street barricades. It was proposed that barricades be erected by Torrance on Hawthorne Ave., Palos Verdes Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd. This would cut Palos Verdes citizenry completely off from access into the peninsula. Unless they travel in and out by way of San Pedro, of course, which is a rather tiresome choice.

In an interview with Councilman Blount, we ascertained that he is in complete seriousness in solving this problem of the barricades.

Hollywood Riviera residents whom we interviewed later, all expressed approval of Councilman Blount's move. To a man they felt that barricades anywhere in this country would be out of place and should never be allowed.

Contrary to stories published elsewhere, the history of the

barricades goes back seven years rather than three. At that time, the Palos Verdes City Council met to vote on putting up the barricades between them and the rapidly building Hollywood Riviera. The Torrance Council and mayor traveled to Palos Verdes that evening to protest the action they'd heard was coming. Oldtimers recall that the Torrance Council and mayor were ushered to an outer room away from the inner chambers where the Palos Verdes Council was acting. The Torrance group was left in the outer room until the voting was done.

This action put iron posts up across Via Alameda, Via Pasqual, and Via Calusa. It was understood by many citizens at the time that it was all a temporary measure and the posts would be removed when tract construction was completed.

Instead, it is a matter of record that the posts were strengthened and added, to over the years. Then four years later, when it was news that Ellinwood was to be developed, the Palos Verdes group again voted and shut off all roads leading through from Palos Verdes into Ellinwood.

Now the birds seem ready to come home to roost.

In addition to the action pending by Torrance Council, representatives of the Ellinwood Corp. have informed officials that they are preparing to question the legality of installing iron posts across the streets leading into Ellinwood and Hollywood Riviera.

Lilas Stefan, 120 Calle de Andalucia, eminent Riviera pianist, has returned home from the convention of International Piano Teachers' Assn. held this month at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles. She reports the convention was interesting and pedagogically stimulating, unquote.

Roger McCall, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gail McCall, 705 Calle de Arboles, is back in the family's home country visiting his grandmother, Mrs. E. F. Gregg at Afton, Ia. His first solo trip back east saw Roger leave Hollywood Riviera on Aug. 1 via the UP Challenger. While in Iowa, he will visit also with Mrs. McCall's sister, Mrs. F. W. Calderwood of Ames, Ia. He is due back in Riviera on Sept. 10, in time to ready for school.

NEW NEIGHBOR DEPT. Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Guy O. Nash, who recently moved into their new residence at 106 Via Monte de Oro. Residents of Manhattan Beach for more than five years, the Nashes purchased the home formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Booth.

Almost simultaneous to their becoming Riviera residents, they also welcomed new twin boys, who were born to them on Monday, Aug. 9. The twins, both weighing five pounds even, were born at the Good Samaritan Hospital. They have been named Scott and Craig. The twins' join older sister Nikki, 4, at the new Nash home.

Mr. Nash, incidentally, is a sales manager of the Hi-Shear Rivet Tool Co.

Two Hollywood Riviera couples recently returned from a silver-spangled holiday at Las Vegas. They are Mr. and Mrs. Theo Linhart, 120 Via Alameda, and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nash, 220 Camino de las Colinas. They report a fabulous time covering all the right spots in the town, operating from the Flamingo Hotel, their headquarters during the stay there.

Robert Dexter, principal of Hollywood Riviera School, this

week urged all parents who have not yet registered their children at the school to do so before Sept. 20. He pointed out that personnel will be at the school every Monday through Friday during regular school hours to handle the registration details.

Riviera School held its registration round-up for this fall term last June. At that time, all children expecting to attend school this fall were registered and physically examined when necessary. However, as Mr. Dexter points out, many new families have moved into the area since then. It is imperative that children register as soon as possible if they are planning on attending Riviera this fall.

Mr. Dexter added that over 600 children are already registered to attend, and new families should bring the total figure up to somewhere near the 703 estimate made last spring.

Try-outs for Los Candeleros, Hollywood Riviera's prize-winning choral group, were held Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Beckman, 820 Calle de Arboles. Many persons interested in joining the famed group auditioned for the openings in the organization's singing ranks. There were openings in all voice ranges.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cogswell, 312 Via Pasqual christened their third child on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Hollywood Riviera Lutheran Church. The youngster was christened James Theodore, with Mr. and Mrs. James Greer, 142 Via Alameda, serving as godparents for the boy.

Other members of the Cogswell family are Cynthia, 8, and Julia, 2.

anniversaries this month were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scott, 146 Calle de Andalucia, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker II, 712 Calle de Arboles. The celebration, held Sunday, Aug. 22, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Byrd, 224 Calle de Andalucia, saw more than 100 guests congregate to fete the Walkers and the Scotts. Mrs. Harry Walker III was co-hostess with Mrs. Byrd.

Among the relatives attending the affair were Mrs. Ernest Lynwood Blackmun Jr., Mrs. Mabel Blackmun, Miss Bernice Scott, Mrs. Robert L. Blackmun, Mrs. Kate Villiere, Miss Floy Ebert, Mrs. Amy Jervis and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pulver and daughter Jane, of Los Angeles.

In addition to the coincidences having their wedding anniversaries fall at the same time, the Scotts and Walkers are related through marriage. The Scotts' daughter, Sandra, is the wife of Harry Walker III, son of the Walkers.

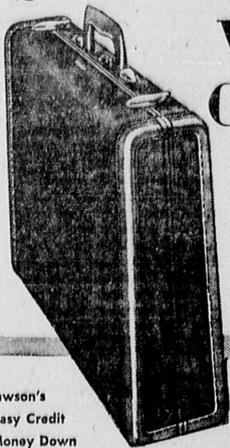


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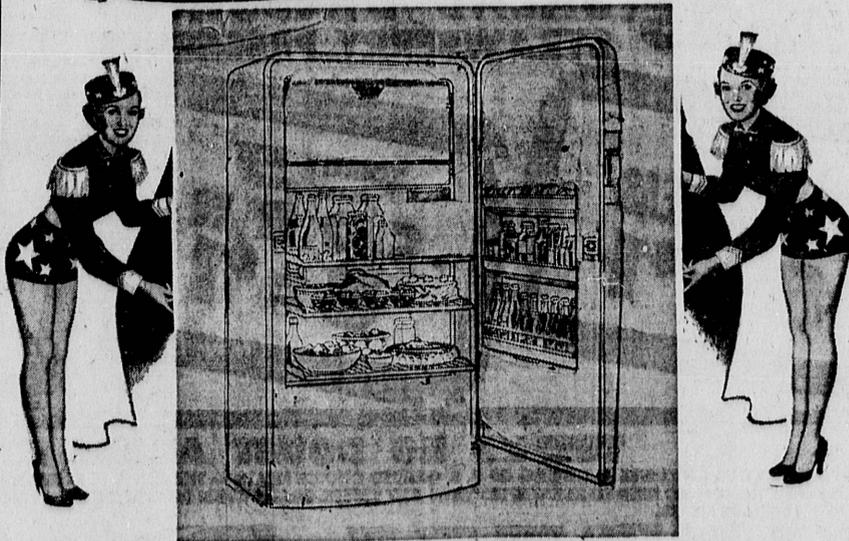
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